STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of: Attention: Application Branch Atty. Dkt. FPP-1035-641 , WADA ET AL. Serial No. 10/581,603 Date: February 27, 2007 Filed: June 5, 2006 WATER-ABSORBING A UFACTURE METHOD THEREOF, AND ABSORBENT AND For: IAP13 Rec'd PCT/PTO 27 FEB 2007 ABSORBENT ARTICLE MA ROM **Mail Stop Missing Parts** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application: □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings. NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED form. Record the attached assignment to Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd., Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year Filed 2003-415117 JP 12 December 2003 PCT/JP2004/018871 10 December 2004 respectively. Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on in prior application no. _____, filed _ "Small entity" statement attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status. Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission: Other: Fees due are calculated below: Basic filing fee \$300.00 (1011)/\$)150.00 (2011) Search Fee \$500.00 (1111)/\$250.00 (2111) \$ **Examination Fee** \$200.00 (1311)/\$100.00 (2311) \$ Application Size Fee for each add'I 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets) Total pages: 0-100 = 0.00 O \$0.00(1081)/ \$0.00 (2081) \$ Total effective claims 0 - 20 (at least 20) = x \$50.00 = \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ Independent claims 0 -3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 = \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time (ignore improper), add \$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) attachment(s) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$130.00 (1051)/\$65.00 (2051) Surcharge if Declaration or filing fee first now submitted: English translation of specification and claims \$130.00 (1053) \$ \$ 40.00 Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) TOTAL FEE DUE 40.00 CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM ATTACHED. Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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